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U.S. Patent No.: 5,201,408
Issued: April 13, 1993
Title: HOUSING FOR ELECTRIC SWITCHES
Inventor: Torma, et al

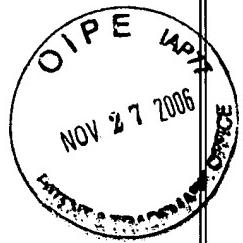
U.S. Patent No.: 6,310,308 B1
Issued: October 30, 2001
Title: COMPACT PUSH-BUTTON
SWITCH ASSEMBLY
Inventor: Watson, et al

U.S. Patent App.
Publication No.: 2002/0144882 A1
Published: October 10, 2002
Title: OPERATING DEVICE HAVING STATIC
ELIMINATOR AND ELECTRONIC
APPARATUS HAVING OPERATING DEVICE
Inventor: Yamaguchi

EP Patent App. No.: 0 342 703 A2
Published: November 23, 1989
Title: LIGHT EMITTING TYPE PUSH BUTTON
SWITCH
Inventor: Shinohara, et al

EP Patent App. No.: 0 406 845 A2
Published: January 9, 1991
Title: TOUCH BUTTON LIGHT RING SYSTEM
Inventor: Polacek, et al

EP Patent App. No.: 0 463 285 A1
Published: January 2, 1992
Title: PUSH-BUTTON SWITCH WITH LIQUID-
CRYSTAL DISPLAY
Inventor: Tanaka, et al



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